(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) what is the name of the tenderer to whom the contract was finally given;

(f) whether the concerned tenderer fulfils all the conditions, like the number of tankers, etc.;

(g) whether the tenderers have protested against the violation of rules pertaining to the opening of tenders;

(h) whether any action is being taken in the matter; and

(i) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (i) The joint public tender for bulk transportation of LPG floated by IOC and HPC was closed at 2.00 P.M. on 20-7-90 at New Dehi, Calcutta and Bombay and on 23-7-90 at Madras. The pertinent details of the credential bids were announced by the officials of IOC and HPC on the scheduled day. Certain tenderers of the Northern Region sought some additional information, which could not be divulged as it was not in line with the laid down procedure for opening tenders. Later on an association of the bulk LPG transport operators in the Northern region submitted a written protest to IOC. No action has been taken on this since there was no violation of the tender procedure. No contract has so far been awarded against this tender.

**Quota of Gas connections for the Guests of Members of Parliament**

2899. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota of gas connections allotted to Members of Parliament at present;

(b) whether, in view of the ever increasing demand on Members of Parliament by persons belonging to their constituencies and others for gas connections, Government contemplate to increase the existing quota of each Member for allotment of gas connections on priority basis on their recommendations;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) At present, 24 LPG connections are released each year on priority basis on the recommendation of each Member of Parliament. As there are about 54.67 lakh persons registered with LPG Distributors in the country who are awaiting release of LPG connections and in view of constraints in the availability of LPG, it is not proposed to increase this quota for the present.

**Development of human resource in CCI**

2900. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the field of human resource development has been given utmost priority in Cement Corporation of India since 1987; if so, what are the dedails of achievements of the HRD section of the CCI during the last three years; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Manual on Human Resources has also been brought out for 'scientific manpower planning' in the Corporation; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Cement Corporation of India has